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Sam Houston National Forest Montgomery County, Texas

EMERGENCY PROHIBITIONS

FOREST SUPERVISOR ORDER NO. 08-13-04-12-17

NATIONAL FOREST SITE CLOSURES

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and 261.53(e) and 261.55(a), and because of the risk of falling trees and limbs resulting from recent tree mortality caused by extreme drought, stresses to live trees due to recent rainfall, and strong winds, I am closing the following areas:

AREAS CLOSED: Specified areas located in the SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST within

Montgomery County, Texas, which are further described in the prohibited acts below and on

the attached map.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Closure Order is effective September 1, 2012 until March 1, 2013, or until rescinded.

PROHIBITED ACTS: No person may enter, go into or be upon or within the following areas:

Paulka Point, located off Forest Service Road (FSR) 248;

FSR 271 and hunter camps along the road; and

Kelly's Pond, located at the end of FSR 271.

A map showing locations of the areas where the prohibitions are applicable is attached.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission;
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty;
- (3) Emergency crews who are repairing or restoring utility services; and
- (4) Persons with permission from a forest officer.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Executed in Lufkin, Texas this 29th day of August, 2012.

/s/ Mark E. Van Every

Mark E. Van Every Forest Supervisor National Forests and Grasslands in Texas 2221 North Raguet Lufkin, Texas 75904

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

